



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for February 1-15, 2016

## Saturday Morning Tour

*Saturday, Feb. 6, 11a.m.-noon*

The Office of Admissions conducts weekday campus tours at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. For students and families unable to join us on a weekday, campus tours on Saturday mornings begin at 11 a.m., from the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Register online or contact *Jessica Crowley*, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu).



## RN-to-BSN Info Session

*Tuesday, Feb. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.*

Those interested in joining UB's RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program are invited to an afternoon session, to meet the faculty and tour the state-of-the-art Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, on the 7th floor of the Health Sciences Center. Register online for the session, and bring your transcripts to get details about transfer credit and program planning. For more information, contact *Martine Bernadel*, [mbernad@bridgeport.edu](mailto:mbernad@bridgeport.edu), or 203-576-2025.



## 2016 UB Alumni Mardi Gras

*Tuesday, Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m.*

Laissez les bon temps roulez! Join UB alumni at Two Boots Restaurant, 281 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, for the 7th Annual Alumni Association Mardi Gras celebration, hosted by *Ken Graham, Esq. '71*. Free admission, free pizza, free beads, live bands, cash bar. Costumes encouraged but not required. Register online or RSVP to [lchristi@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lchristi@bridgeport.edu).



## IDEAL Info Sessions

*Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m.*

Learn about UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) locations. To register, or for more information, visit [www.bridgeport.edu/ideal](http://www.bridgeport.edu/ideal). Those who are unable to attend the information sessions may arrange an appointment with an admissions counselor by emailing [idealinfo@bridgeport.edu](mailto:idealinfo@bridgeport.edu) or calling 203-576-4800.

## Purple Knights

### Home Athletic Events

**February 1-15, 2016**

#### Men's Basketball

**Feb. 13 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Dist. Columbia @ Hubbell Gym**

#### Women's Basketball

**Feb. 13 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Dist. Columbia @ Hubbell Gym**

#### Gymnastics (Women's)

**Feb. 12 (Fri.), 6 p.m., Brown, SCSU @ Wheeler Recreation Center**



## Two New Art Shows

*Thursday, Feb. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

The Schelfhaudt Gallery will hold an opening reception for two new exhibitions: "Parts Is Parts: Assemblage & Collage," exhibits sculptures and collages created with appropriated images and found objects. "Ruminants of Haiti" features the art collection of Douglas Wade, a Bridgeport businessman interested in Haitian culture. Free and open to the public. Exhibition ends March 19. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 4 p.m. For more info, contact Gallery Director Peter Konsterlie, [pkonster@bridgeport.edu](mailto:pkonster@bridgeport.edu).



## Education Info Session

*Thursday, Feb. 11, 6-7 p.m.*

Prospective students are invited to learn about the programs of UB's School of Education by attending a session on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Information will be provided about the application process and program details. The session will be especially useful for those interested in initial teacher certification. Register online or contact *Leanne Proctor*, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## Dental Hygiene Info Sessions

**Thursday, February 11, 6-8 p.m.**

Those interested in the undergraduate Dental Hygiene program at the Fones School of Dental Hygiene may register online for the information session, to be held at the Fones School in Bridgeport. The session will explain the application process and program details. For more information, contact Jessica Crowley, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu).

**Monday, February 15, 12-2 p.m.**

At UB's Waterbury Center, 84 Progress Lane, information will be offered to prospective undergraduate dental hygiene students about the application process and program details for the Fones School of Dental Hygiene. Register online or contact Jessica Crowley, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**Friday, February 5:**

Last Day to Drop Courses without Academic Penalty  
(Graduate and Undergraduate)

**Please note:** President's Day, February 15  
is **not** a University holiday in 2016.

Offices will be open, classes will meet.  
There will, however, be no USPS pickup or delivery

### Reminders from Student Financial Services

For students registered for the Spring 2016 semester: If you are a full-time student or a part-time student living on campus, you will be charged \$970 for the UB health insurance. If you have comparable health insurance, you must formally waive out of the UB health insurance by Monday, February 15, to avoid paying the fee. For the waiver, use this link:

<https://consolidatedhealthplan.com/group/93/home>.



For Priority Awarding of financial aid for the 2016-17 academic year, students must file their FAFSAs by February 15, 2015. Please visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

## Good News

The University of Bridgeport has initiated two Boys & Girls Village (BGV) Scholarships following a gift for that purpose by an anonymous UB donor. The scholarships will provide full tuition to qualified students for four years of either undergraduate or graduate study. The scholarship recipients, BGV clients, will be selected by a scholarship committee appointed by Boys & Girls Villages. The announcement on January 14 explaining the scholarships was made by UB President Neil Salonen, BGV Board Vice-Chairman Joseph Tramuta, and BGV President and CEO Dr. Steven Kant.



**Roxie Ray**, Director of the Tutoring and Learning Center, has announced the following additions to the Learning Resources team, headquartered on the fifth floor of Wahlstrom Library:

**Chrystie Cruz**, new director of Student Support Services, comes to us from Fairfield University, where she earned two master's degrees, in education and counseling. Her goal is to provide a welcoming, educational, and nurturing environment for students.

**Moises Jimenez**, new assistant director of Student Support Services, has 26 years of experience helping at-risk, underprepared students through various grant programs. He holds a master's degree in public administration.

**Barbara Delmonico**, coordinator of the Learning Resources Center, previously worked at UB in the IDEAL and Non-Credit programs. She also took graduate courses in counseling while at UB.

During the fall semester the University was awarded a five-year Title III grant, with the primary mission of establishing a professionally staffed advising center. The director of the new Academic Advising Center is **Brian Keiser**, who previously served as an academic advisor for the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), where he earned a master's degree in educational psychology. He is a Ph.D. candidate at UNL and will be conducting research at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. He is an eight-time marathoner.

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### EDUCATION

**Jahana Hayes '14**, who earned her Certificate of Advanced Study from UB's School of Education, has been named one of four finalists for the 2016 National Teacher of the Year Award and the 2016 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Award. She teaches high school history at John F. Kennedy High School in Waterbury.

### SASD

**Phillip Carroll** and **Joshua Hauge**, Industrial Design, were featured in a front-page *Connecticut Post* article on December 30. They have designed a robotic monkey that will be launched this spring in a high-altitude balloon flight. An education project, the monkey can be manipulated in near space by students working at the Discovery Museum. The monkey will eventually descend by parachute into the ocean off Massachusetts and will be sent to the Discovery Museum for display. Its creators hope that it will be used in future flights. Carroll and Hauge were advised by Technology Management Professor Neal Lewis and worked with students and faculty at UB's School of Engineering. They were each awarded a \$5,000 scholarship by the Connecticut Space Grant Consortium for future near-space work.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### CHIROPRACTIC

**Reza Eftekhari '13**, has been appointed a clinical instructor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. He will also see patients in the Center for Integrative Health and Healing. Dr. Eftekhari is Vice President of the Council on Occupational Health and Ergonomics.

### ENGINEERING

**Kris Seluga**, a mechanical engineer, and **Lawrence Hmurcik**, professor of electrical engineering, recently investigated an extensive fire occurring in a sauna at a Connecticut gated community. Signs warned against putting paper, towels, or clothing on top of the sauna heater, and this rule was enforced. However, while the room was being cleaned a thick wood floor mat was placed on the heater. Seluga-Hmurcik proved that the fire could not have had an electrical or chemical cause and that after being heated for an hour, the wood had ignited to produce the fire.

### STUDENT SERVICES

**Jennifer Turner**, civic engagement coordinator, has been chosen to present her program proposal, "Beyond Just Service: Bringing Meaningful Reflection to Your Alternative Break Program," at the National IMPACT Conference, to be held at UMass Amherst in February, the largest annual conference focused on the civic engagement of college students in community service, service-learning, community-based research, advocacy, and other forms of social action.

## Inclement Weather Notification

From the Provost's Office: In the event of a weather-related delay and/or closure, there are various ways in which the University notifies the community. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing excellent communication with our faculty, staff and students, we have added an additional option for weather alerts: NBC Connecticut School Closing alerts sent via text or email.

An overview of the different modes of communication is below, along with directions for signing up for the alerts:

1. NBC CT School Closings: Register for alerts by visiting <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/weather/school-closings>. Click on the link to sign up for school closing alerts and follow the prompts for registering.
2. UB Emergency Notification Phone Line: Dial (203) 576-4159.
3. Website: Go to [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu) to see weather-related messages in the red banner across the homepage.
4. Portal: [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu), click on "login," then "My UB Portal." Look for updates under "Announcements."

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.